GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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SATELLITE TELEPHONE FACILITY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to provide satellite telephone facility to the cyclone affected areas ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Statewise ; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard particularly in Orissa ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a)&(b)Yes Sir. The department has planned to provide 5 Nos of Satellite based transportable emergency terminals to each cyclone prone telecom circle for use in the affected areas

(c) It is planned to provide 2 Mbps connectivity from 9 coastal districts to Bhubaneswar through a digital satellite network. In addition, 10 nos of satellite telephones would be provided for the coastal districts of Orissa this year.